

coerulescens and exposure of the Applicant under Section 9 of the Act. A third alternative is the proposed Project that is designed with a different mitigation strategy. The proposed action alternative is issuance of the incidental take permit. This provides for restrictions of construction activity, purchase of offsite habitat for the Florida scrub jay, and the establishment of an endowment fund for the offsite acquired habitat. The HCP provides a funding mechanism for these mitigation measures.

As stated above, the Service has made a preliminary determination that the proposed action, e.g., issuance of the incidental take permit, is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102 (2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. This preliminary information may be adjusted due to public comment received in response to this notice and is based on information contained in the EA and HCP. An appropriate excerpt from the FONSI reflecting the Service's finding on the application is provided below:

Based on the analysis conducted by the Service, it has been determined that:

1. Issuance of the incidental take permit will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of survival and recovery of the affected species in the wild or result in the adverse modification of designated critical habitat. This decision is based upon and considers the cumulative impacts of past, present and future issuance of incidental take permits within the area affected in the permit action.

2. Issuance of an incidental take permit would not have significant effects on the human environment in the project area.

3. The proposed take is incidental to an otherwise lawful activity.

4. The Applicant has ensured that adequate funding will be provided to implement the measures proposed in the submitted HCP.

5. Other than impacts to endangered and threatened species as outlined in the documentation of this decision, the indirect impacts which may result from issuance of the incidental take permit are addressed by other regulations and statutes under the jurisdiction of other government entities. The validity of the Service's incidental take permit is contingent upon the Applicant's compliance with the terms of the permit and all other laws and regulations under the control of State, local, and other Federal governmental entities.

Dated: March 8, 1996.

Jerome M. Butler,

Acting Regional Director.

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Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Proposed Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The proposal for the collection of information described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's clearance officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the proposal should be made with 60 days directly to the Bureau clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 208 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 22092, telephone (703) 648-7313.

Title: Annual National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Announcement.

OMB approval number: 1028-0051.

Abstract: Respondents submit proposals to support research in earthquake hazards and earthquake prediction to earth-science data and information essential to mitigate earthquake losses. This information will be used as the basis for selection and award of projects meeting the program objectives. Annual or final reports are required on each selected performances.

Bureau form number: None.

Frequency: Annual proposals, annual or final reports.

Description of respondents: Educational institutions, profit and non-profit organizations, individuals, and agencies of local or State governments.

Annual responses: 500.

Annual burden hours: 17,200 hours.

Bureau clearance officer: John Cordyack, (703) 648-7313.

Dated: February 27, 1996.

P. Patrick Leahy,

Chief Geologist.

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Bureau of Indian Affairs

Receipt of Petition for Federal Acknowledgment of Existence as an Indian Tribe

This is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 83.9(a) (formerly 25 CFR 54.8(a)) notice is hereby given that the Oakbrook Chumash People, 3290 Lang Ranch Parkway, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362 has filed a petition for acknowledgment by the Secretary of the Interior that the group exists as an Indian tribe. The petition was received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on May 25, 1995, and was signed by members of the group's governing body.

This is a notice of receipt of petition and does not constitute notice that the petition is under active consideration. Notice of active consideration will be sent by mail to the petitioner and other interested parties at the appropriate time.

Under §83.9(a) (formerly 54.8(d)) of the Federal regulations, interested parties may submit factual and/or legal arguments in support of or in opposition to the group's petition. Any information submitted will be made available on the same basis as other information in the BIA's files. Such submissions will be provided to the petitioner upon receipt by the BIA. The petitioner will be provided an opportunity to respond to such submissions prior to a final determination regarding the petitioner's status.

The petition may be examined, by appointment, in the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Acknowledgment and Research, Room 1362-MIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240, Phone: (202) 208-3592.

Dated: February 28, 1996.

Ada E. Deer,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection; OMB Approval Number 1004-0153

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.